



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**First Sunday in Lent**



**Exactly What I Need...a Champion!**



**Welcome!** We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

**Restrooms** – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

**Parent’s Room** – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

**Busy Bags Available** – Located in our entry area is a rack on which you will find "busy bags" for children. Each bag contains things that may help our youngest worshippers sit through the service. Please feel free to grab a bag at the beginning of service! We ask only that you return the bag at the end of worship today. Thank you.

**Assistance Getting Around** – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

**Offering Message** – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly may if you wish.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

**Explanation of the theme of the day:** I don’t have the ability to defend myself against my spiritual enemies. The devil, the world, and my own sinful flesh are too much for me. I realize that what I really need is a champion. God the Father realized it too. He sent his Son to be my Savior. Through the obedience of the Son of God, I have victory over my enemies. Christ is my Champion!

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 22, 2026

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 359)

Jesus, My Great High Priest



1 Je - sus, my great High Priest, Of - fered his blood and  
2 To Christ, my sub - sti - tute, Will I com - mit my  
3 My ad - vo - cate ap - pears For my de - fense on  
4 Should all the hosts of death And pow'rs of hell un -



died; My guilt - y con - science seeks No sac - ri -  
cause; He an - swers and ful - fills His Fa - ther's  
high; A gra - cious Fa - ther hears And lays his  
known Put their most dread - ful forms Of rage and



vice be - side. His pow'r - ful blood did once a -  
bro - ken laws. Be - hold my soul at free - dom  
thun - der by. Not all that hell or sin can  
mis - chief on, I shall be safe, for Christ dis -



tone, And now it pleads be - fore the throne,  
set— My Je - sus paid the dread - ful debt!  
say Shall turn his heart, his love, a - way.  
plays Su - pe - rior pow'r and guard - ian grace.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: BEVAN (66 66 88) John Goss, 1800-80.

STAND

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Romans 5:12-19

*<sup>12</sup> So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. <sup>13</sup> For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, <sup>14</sup> and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.*

*<sup>15</sup> But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!*

*<sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification. <sup>17</sup> Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ! <sup>18</sup> So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**M:** We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses; we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 4:1-11

*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup> After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> But Jesus answered, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God." <sup>5</sup> Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you. And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone." <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written: You shall not test the Lord your God." <sup>8</sup> Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." <sup>11</sup> Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One  
 2 We fled our God, and los - ing him, We  
 3 But your strong love, it sought us still And  
 4 O Sav - ior, when we loved you not, You  
 5 Send us your Spir - it; teach us truth To



huge re - bel - lious man; We all have fled that  
 lost our broth - er too, Each sin - gly sought and  
 sent your on - ly Son That we might hear his  
 loved and saved us all; O great good Shep - herd  
 purge our van - i - ty, From fan - cied wis - dom,



eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran,  
 claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.  
 shep - herd - voice And, hear - ing him, be one.  
 of man - kind, Oh, hear us when we call.  
 self - sought ways, O Sav - ior, set us free.

6 Then shall our song united rise  
 To your eternal throne,  
 Where with the Father evermore  
 And Spirit you are one.

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Tune: ADAM (CM) Kurt J. Eggert, 1923-93. © 1993 Kurt J. Eggert. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

*Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’”<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden,<sup>3</sup> but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’”<sup>4</sup> The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die.<sup>5</sup> In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

*<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.<sup>7</sup> The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists.<sup>8</sup> They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

*<sup>9</sup> The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup> The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”*

*<sup>11</sup> God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”<sup>13</sup> The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

*<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent:*

*Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.  
You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.*

*<sup>15</sup> I will put hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.  
He will crush your head,  
and you will crush his heel.*

**A Great Fall...a Greater Savior**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING**

*During the gathering of the offering, please sign the Friendship Register.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve all catechumens and their teachers, all children and their parents, and every Christian home from the assaults of the evil one. As your Son overcame Satan in the desert by the Word of God, so also give us the victory through Christ and his Word. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, though we deserve nothing of your kindness, you have shown yourself to be the strength of the weak, the healer of the sick and the hope of those who mourn. Hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve. Sustain them through their afflictions and pain, heal them according to your gracious will and deliver them at the last to everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you covered the shame of our first parents with animal skin and thereby foreshadowed the perfect sacrifice of your Son's blood by which we are cleansed and clothed. Give us the garments of repentance and faith, that we may receive your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, you have given us a refuge from the world in Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**



## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY'. It consists of six staves of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.' The second staff continues with 'The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.' The third staff says 'You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.' The fourth staff says 'I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -'. The fifth staff says 'va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.' The sixth staff concludes with 'The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.'

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

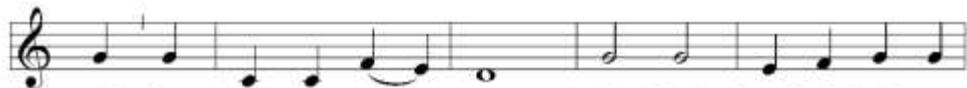
The image shows a musical score for the word 'A - men.'. It consists of a single staff of music in C major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The word 'A - men.' is written below the notes.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



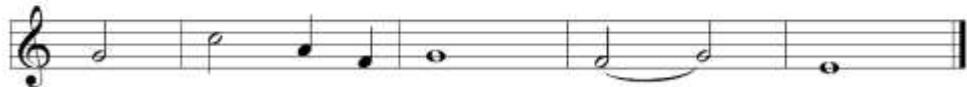
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*





1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall;  
 2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps  
 3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone,  
 4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came  
 5 As by one man all man - kind fell



One com - mon sin in - fects us all,  
 And us in dread - ful bond - age keeps;  
 Flow thoughts and deeds of sin a - lone;  
 To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
 And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,



From one to all the curse de - scends,  
 In guilt we draw our in - fant breath  
 God's im - age lost, the dark - ened soul  
 To be our life, our light, our way,  
 So by one Man, who took our place,



And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
 And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
 Nor seeks nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
 Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay,  
 We all were jus - ti - fied by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
 New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;  
 This grace our ev'ry way attend  
 Until we reach our journey's end.

Text: Lazarus Spengler, 1479–1534, abr.; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1–4, 6, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 431)

I Walk in Danger All the Way

1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; The thought  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way; No - where  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way; They shield  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way; His guid -

shall nev - er leave me That Sa - tan, who has  
 and ills con - tend - ing; In pa - tience I must  
 I rest se - cure - ly, He comes by night, he  
 me and be - friend me. All Sa - tan's pow'r is  
 ance nev - er fails me. He takes my ev - 'ry

marked his prey, Is plot - ting to de - ceive  
 bear each day The cross of God's own send -  
 comes by day, And takes his prey most sure -  
 held at bay When heav'n - ly hosts at - tend  
 fear a - way When Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails

me. This foe with hid - den snares May seize me  
 ing, Oft in ad - ver - si - ty I know not  
 ly, A fail - ing breath, and I In death's strong  
 me, They are my sure de - fense; All fear and  
 me, And, by his foot - steps led, My path I

un - a - wares If e'er I fail to watch and  
 where to flee When storms of woe my soul dis -  
 grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni - ty to -  
 sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do what they  
 safe - ly tread. In spite of ills that threat - en

pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way,  
 may; I pass through tri - als all the way,  
 day, Grim death pur - sues me all the way,  
 may, I walk with an - gels all the way,  
 may, I walk with Je - sus all the way.

# THANKSGIVING

STAND

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.





1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
 4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,  
 5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.  
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,  
 And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,  
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;  
 Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
 On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!



## Personal Prayers for Worship

### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

**In Our Prayers:** Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Mary Mundt, John Schueman, and Bonnie Gotzion who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

## Weekly Bible Studies

**Sunday 9:15 am:** Exodus, *sanctuary*

**Tuesday 9:00 am:** Kings and Prophets of Israel, *lower level*

**Friday 6:00 am:** Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | **The Book of Proverbs**, *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

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### **Sunday February 22: First Sunday of Lent**

**Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion**

**9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Paul Crary 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Ryan and Anna Jaeger
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Missy, Sophia and Abigail Strong
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: Paul and Cindy Crary

### **Sunday March 1: Second Sunday of Lent**

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- Ushers 8:00: Steven and Sef Fox
- Ushers 10:30: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Mandy, Vie, Lia, and Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: TBD
- Refreshments: TBD

**Happy Birthday** We wish God's blessings to Lanna LaGrange (2/26), Violet Kuecker (2/28), Leona LaGrange (3/2), June Thayer (3/3), Kevin Zech (3/3), Shari Minnameier (3/4), and Kelly Plumb (3/5), as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Happy Anniversary** We have no anniversaries to share this week.

## **COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE**

**February 21:** Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M Coffee House, Waunakee | 8:00 a.m.

**February 23:** Evening Quilting | 6:00 p.m. – Lower Level

**February 25:** Lenten Potluck | 5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

**February 26:** Elders and Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

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### **Childrens – The Story Bible for Sale**

We are offering The Story Bible – Childrens Bible for sale in the Office for \$35.00. These Bibles are remarkable works of art that share the stories of the Bible with beautiful photographic images relating to the story. There are also lesson discussions, activities and prayers following each story. If you are interested or would like to see a copy, please contact Kristin.

### **Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Coordinators and Volunteers Needed**

Our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt is a cherished tradition and a wonderful opportunity to welcome families from our community. A lot of time and preparation goes into hosting this event each year. Ideally, 17-20 volunteers would make everything run smoothly. If you have a heart for outreach and enjoy organizing details (or working behind the scenes), we would be thankful for your assistance. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday will be done by 11:30 a.m. Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Please direct any questions you may have to the Church office at (608) 846-9036 or [lolchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:lolchurchoffice@gmail.com).

### **Easter Candy:**

The planning has begun for our Easter egg hunt on April 4rd. We are in need of donations of candy (we need approximately 3000 pieces of wrapped candy) or monetary donations to purchase candy. There are buckets to place bags of candy in at the back of church. All candy donated must be individually wrapped. No nuts or peanut butter candy please. There are also envelopes that can be used for monetary donations on the back table. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or in the church office. Be sure to designate them for Easter candy.

### **Easter Flower Donations:**

The altar guild is asking for donations of potted flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Worship services. Suggested flowers include Easter lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinth and other spring blooms. Donations can be brought to church anytime between March 25 – April 4th. The altar guild will maintain the flowers and arrange them for Easter. Donated flowers may be taken home after the Easter services.

A Special Thank you to all of the Ladies who helped with the Ash Wednesday Pasta Supper.  
It was a wonderful evening to kick off our Lent Potluck Meals.

# LENT 2026

## “It is Finished!” The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

**Worship:** 3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Supper:** 5:30 p.m.

### February 25

Pastor Jacob Scott – Zion, Leeds  
The Truth, The Whole Truth,  
and Nothing but the Truth – Zech. 8:14-17

### March 4

Pastor David Horton – Eastside  
Return to Me! – Zech. 1:1-6

### March 11

Pastor Nathan Walther – Eastside  
Look at the One who was Pierced – Zech. 12:10-13

### March 18

Pastor Scott Schwertfeger – Zion, Leeds  
Scattered Sheep – Zech. 13:7-9

### March 25

Pastor Michael Kampman – Risen Savior, McFarland  
What’s He Worth to You? – Zech. 11:7-13

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### Lent Meal Coordinator:

We are in need of *one* more Meal Coordinator for the week of March 18, 2026. If you would like to volunteer to coordinate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.



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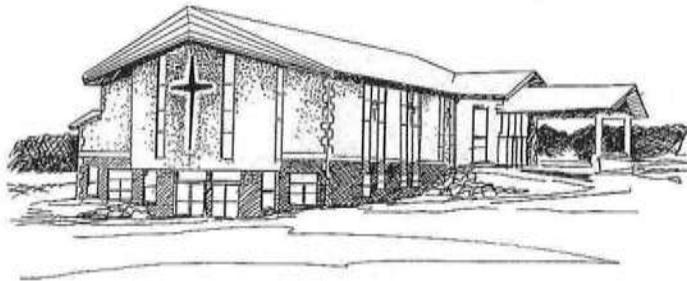
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Office Assistant: Kristin Vomhof, Office hours Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”**

**Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.  
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*